

BCR Community Partnership - Aims

General Aims

For the neighbourhoods within and around the wards of Bishopston & Ashley Down, Cotham and Redland ('our area') we will:

- encourage and promote community spirit and cohesion, and the involvement of local people in community affairs;
- seek to safeguard and improve the social, physical and cultural character of our area;
- help people in our area to have a greater influence on decisions affecting their lives;
- support local community groups, institutions and businesses to contribute positively to the quality of life in our area.

In all of our work we will challenge barriers to participation and engagement in all aspects of community and social life, due to age, health, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, loneliness, social isolation or caring responsibilities.

Objectives

- Enable **collaboration** between local community groups, volunteers and councillors in our area by forming an inclusive partnership of all interested groups and individuals
- Offer a point of **contact** for city-wide organisations
- **Inform** people living and working in our area about community activities and issues
- **Support** community projects and initiatives
- Act as a consultative and **lobbying** body on issues affecting our area, as appropriate and avoiding unnecessary overlap with existing community groups

Action List

- Collaborate
 - Maintain a list of partner groups and individuals
 - Hold committee meetings involving community group representatives, elected and co-opted individuals and local councillors
- Contact
 - Maintain contact with the Council, the Police and other city-wide organisations
 - Invite representatives from these organisations to our events
- Inform
 - Hold public forums
 - Communicate, including through email, a website and social media
 - Maintain a contact list of those who want to be kept informed
 - Circulate a newsletter at regular intervals to those on the contact list

- Support
 - Liaise with existing local community groups
 - Identify unmet community needs
 - Help new community groups to become established if appropriate ones do not already exist
 - Help community groups identify sources of funding
 - Raise funds and offer financial resources for community groups to carry out projects
- Lobby
 - Monitor policies and proposals that have an impact on our area
 - Seek views from supporters on significant issues affecting our area
 - Lobby and/or submit representations as agreed by the partnership

In considering which projects to support, the partnership will have regard to a set of priorities to be agreed by its members.

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